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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Meeting with Mr. Ed Braswell, Chief of Staff, Senate
Armed Services Committee, Re S. 782

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1. [] and I called on Ed Braswell, Chief of Staff, Senate Armed Services Committee, to advise him of our concern over the reintroduction of the Ervin bill (S. 782 - Constitutional Rights of Federal Employees). We made the following points:

a. the bill in its present form, identical to the version which passed the Senate by overwhelming vote in the last session, presents the most serious problems to certain security safeguards and management procedures which we feel the Agency must maintain if the Director is to discharge his statutory responsibilities;

b. we are reluctant to stir things up at this stage lest we be accused of "lobbying" but wished to ensure that all proper and feasible measures are examined to exempt the Agency from the more troublesome provisions of this bill;

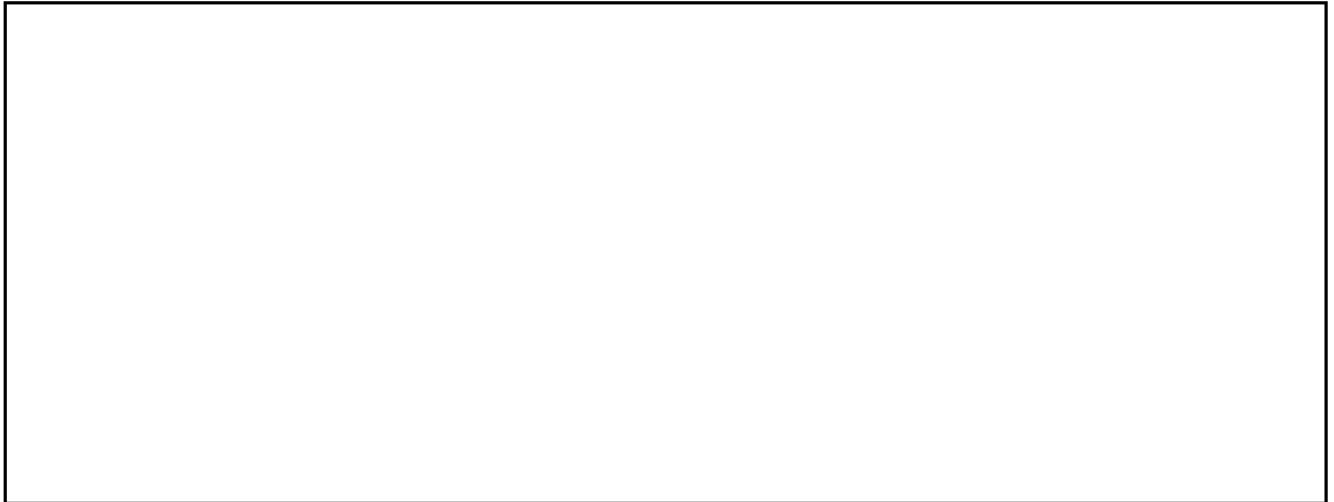
c. one course would be to seek either specific or general exemptions from the application of the bill, and another would be an amendment authorizing the President to grant exemptions for certain agencies or categories of personnel involved in sensitive activities;

d. because we want to take care not to move too rapidly and stir things up on the one hand, or allow the bill to slip by without adequately presenting our case on the other, we would appreciate Mr. Braswell taking a discreet reading on its prospects.

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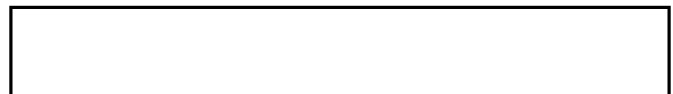
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3. In parting, Mr. Braswell commented that the Committee had still not completed its organizational arrangements and he could not predict when they would wish a briefing from the Director, but we should expect intensive questioning on Soviet ABM and ICBM development, since the Sentinel issue was of major concern to many Committee members.

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